(b) Four Nairs,
One Valan,
One Pillai,
One Christian and
One Muslim.

Petition for opening of new roads, etc., in Kunnamkulam—action on.

33. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a petition, dated 15th Chingam 1109, submitted through the Director of Public Health by Mr. M. Chakko Ipe B. A., retired Headmaster and others in Kunnamkulam, Arthat, Chittanjur and other places requesting—

i. to open a road from the southern extremity of Southern Bazaar in Kunnamkulam to the newly opened road from Arthat to Chittanjur; and

ii. to remove nightsoil trenching ground from within the town limits;

(b) what action has been taken with reference to the aforesaid petition;

(c) whether a copy of the report submitted by the Director of Public Health when torwarding the petition to the Diwan will be printed and placed on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) i and ii. Yes.

(b) The petitioners were informed that their request cannot be complied with.

(c) A copy of the report is appended. (*Appendix II*)

Rural Reconstruction Committee—work of.

34. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to question No. 52 dated 1st August 1933 (Rural Reconstruction Committee) will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee is continuing its work; and if so,

(b) how many meetings of the Committee were held in 1933;

(c) when was the last meeting of the Committee held;

(d) who is the Chairman of the Committee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Only one meeting was held in 1933.

(c) 6th February 1933

(d) Mr. I. Raman Menon, the retired Superintendent of Agriculture, was the President of the Committee.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, whether this Committee has submitted a report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When was it submitted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About six weeks back or it might be justabout two months, somewhere about it.

Mr. K T. Mathew.—When was the last meeting of the Committee held?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not remember the exact date. But the report was received here about 6 or 8 weeks back. We have not yet received the supplementary note from Mr. Salem. He was a member of the Committee. He did not sign the report as he was not here. So we are expecting the supplementary note from him also.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has he been reminded?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Purchase of patta for arrack.

35. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state what the total purchase amount of Patta used in making arrack?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—The amounts for the past ten years are given below:

Year	*Price of patta.* Rs.
1099	2,635
1100 ..	2,006
1101	2,091
1102 ..	2,142
1103	2,227
1104	2,414
1105 ..	2,703
1106 ..	1,666
1107 ..	1,241
1108 ..	1,105

Fees levied under the Indian Companies Act.

36. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Indian Companies Act is not followed in toto in the State;

(b) whether they are aware that a fee of Rs. 5 is levied in the State for filing with the Registrar the serial returns required by the Act to be filed with him whereas the said fee has been reduced to Rs.3 in British India by a Government Notification (Section 259, Table B. 5)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes, with suitable modifications.

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